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by Mike Chrisman

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Dear Answer Guy,

Q: Why do they call it a family tree? Why not a family vine or flowering shrub?

A: Believe it or not, I don't know the answer to this question, though I do know that the Universal Genealogist Association meets regularly to discuss it. You may be surprised to learn there are serious factions within this prestigious organization favoring the terms family cobweb, and family snarl, with significant minorities arguing for

family slime-mold, or simply list of dead people.

Dear Answer Guy,

Q: Can you explain this Information Superhighway business in language I can understand?

A: Possibly. If you're like most Americans, you speak English, Spanish, Latvian, and a smattering of Urdu. I promise I won't use any other languages to explain the Information Superhighway. Simply put, the Information Superhighway is a fantasy made up so writers and TV commentators can look like they know more than the rest of us. Personally, I write on a dinky little computer that's not linked to any other electronic gadgetry, anywhere. This setup is sometimes called the Information Trolley Car. Many intelligent people still slug away on a typewriter — now known as the Information Wagon Train. Smug commentator George Will composes his essays with a fountain pen, which is generally referred to as Hacking through the Information Rain Forest with a Machete. In other words, less is not always more, although sometimes it is.

Dear Answer Guy,

Q: Isn't it gratifying in these angry times that drivers are still considerate enough to flash their headlights to warn oncoming motorists of a speed trap?

A: Boy, are you off base! I thought everybody knew that any driver you see flashing his (or her) headlights is asking for sex. Ever since the landmark Kinsey Report, it's common knowledge that 56% of all automobile trips are for sexual purposes. Those flashing headlights simply represent an established code: once means "Meet me at the nearest BP station;" twice means "My minivan has plush carpets."

Dear Answer Guy,

Q: I'm watching the Olympics and going, what's with this luge? I mean, these are supposed to be winter sports. So, how many people do you know who used to get all bundled up and say, "Ma, I'm going out to play luge with the gang"? I mean, where can I buy one? Are there luge stores? I say: if they wanna race on the snow, get 'em cafeteria trays!

A: I agree completely. The luge is to the Winter Olympics as the hammer toss is to the Summer Olympics. The Winter Olympics should have real winter activities. Ice fishing, for example. The first person to catch a fish would get a medal; then there'd be Combined Ice Fishing, where size figures into the scoring. Judges would also award points on construction of the shack. Another important event should be Snowball-Throwing. They'd have Snowball-Throwing At People, Throwing From Forts (points added for clever fort-building), and the glamor event: Snowball-Throwing At Buses, where you'd have to a) hit the bus in a designated window; b) run from the police.

Dear Answer Guy,

Q: When is it going to stop snowing?

A: Not until every living human has been driven utterly mad. Get used to it, because it's going to snow at least once a week from now until the Millenium, at which time a fiercely hot sun will melt the snow, and we'll all drown. The End.

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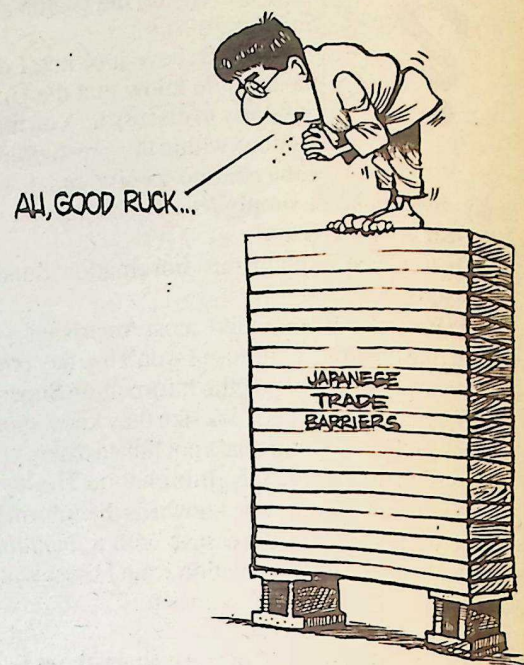
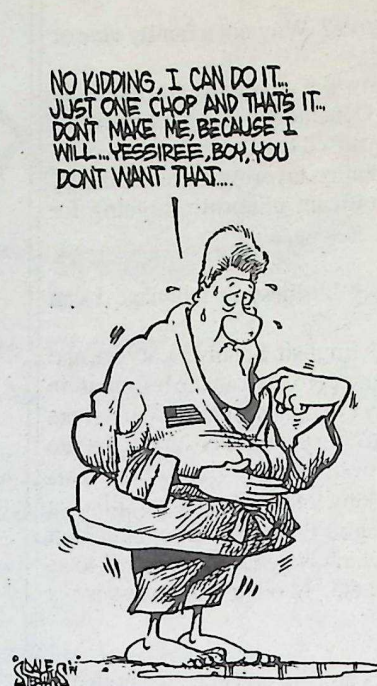
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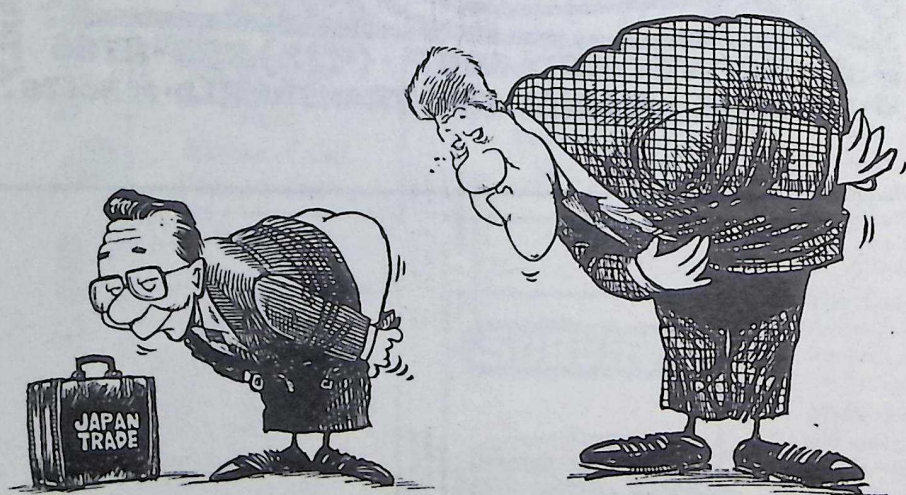
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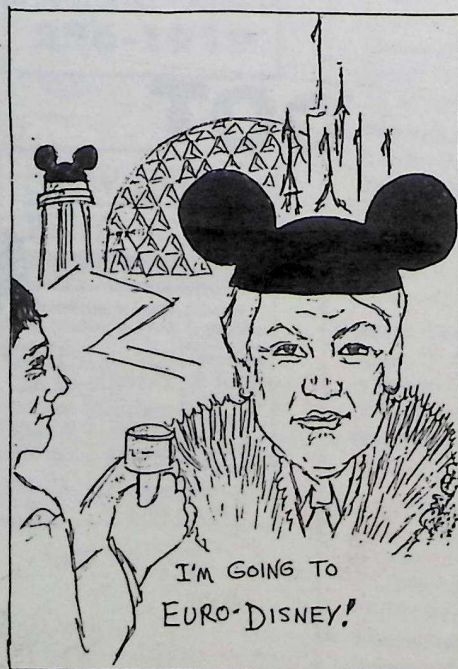


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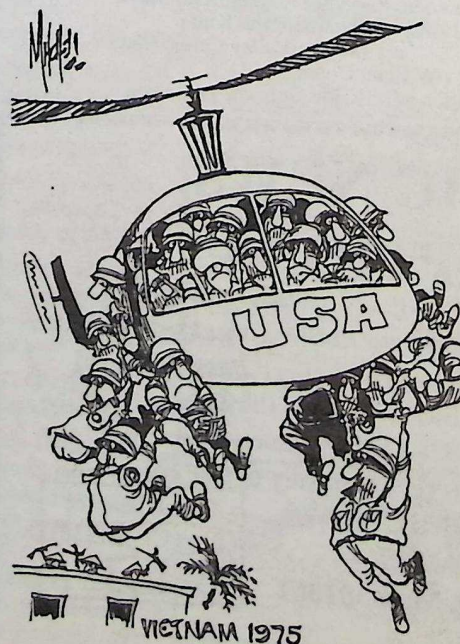


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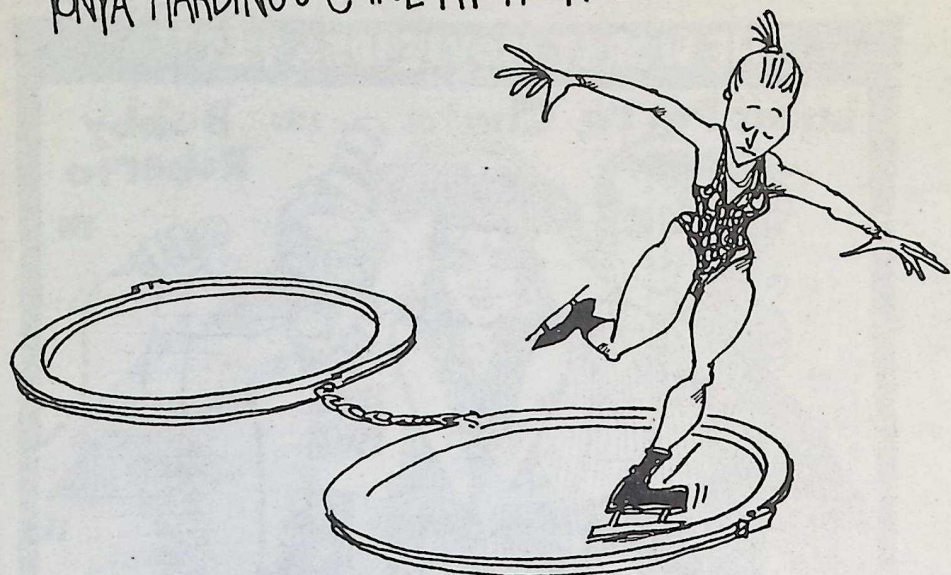


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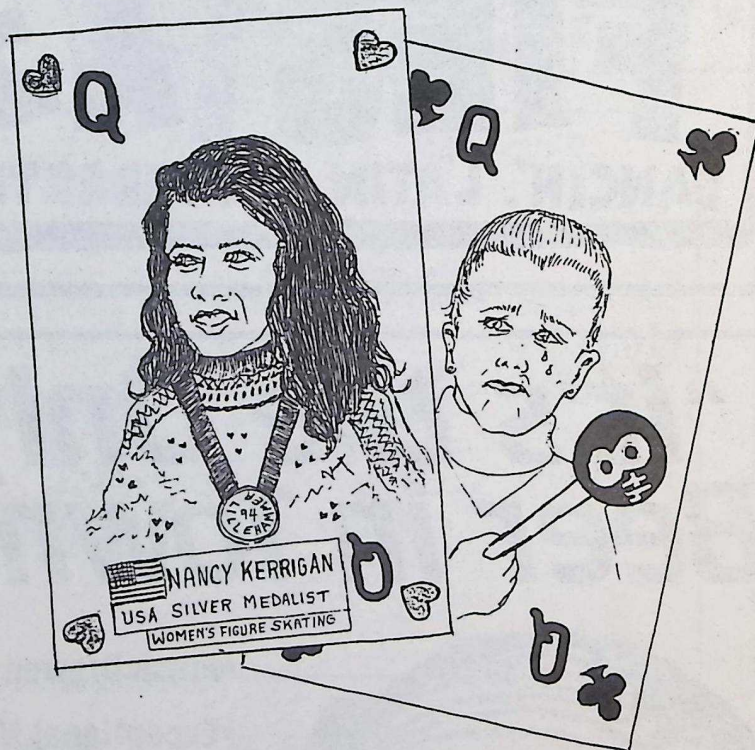


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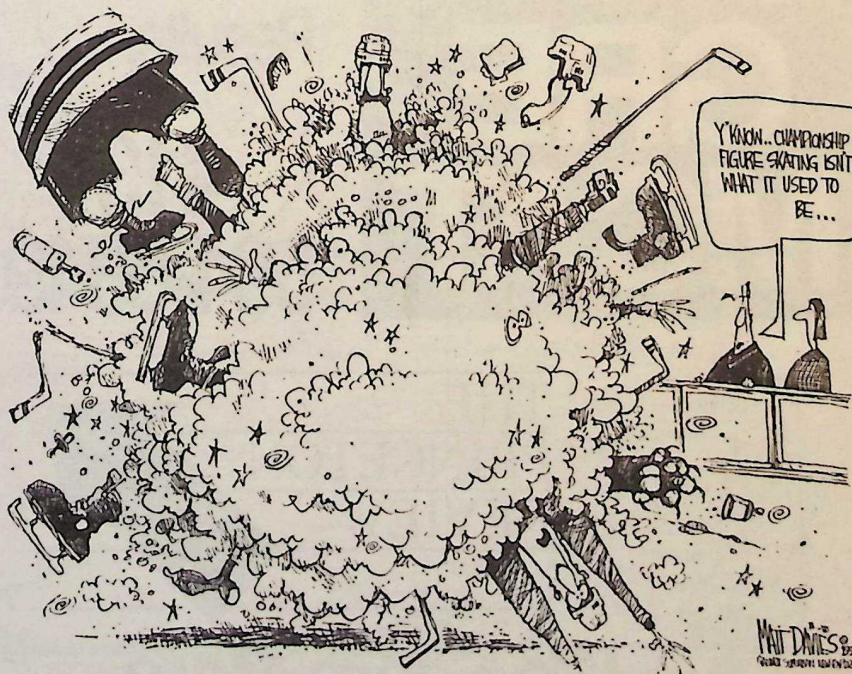
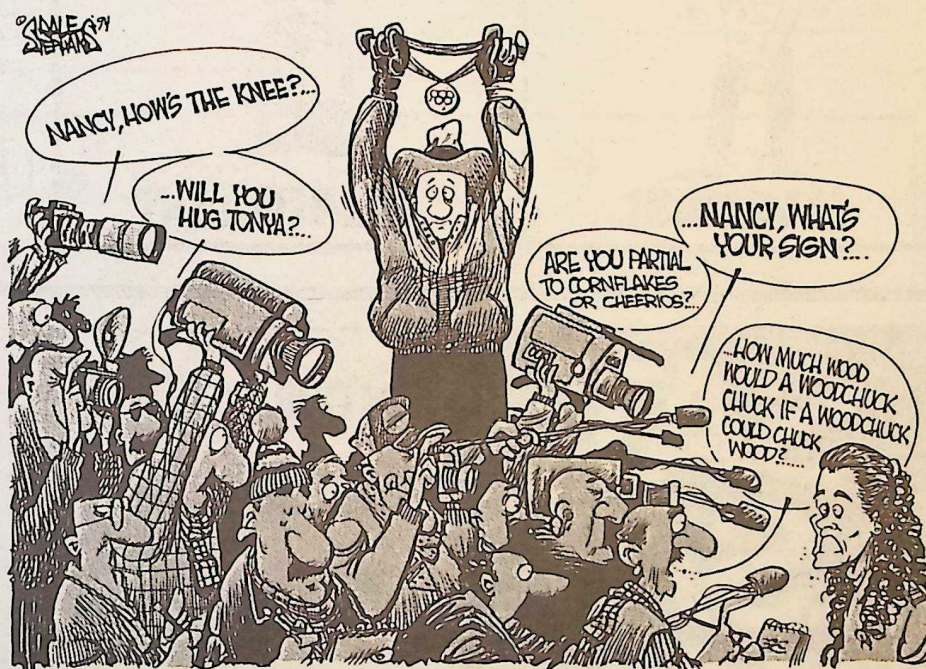
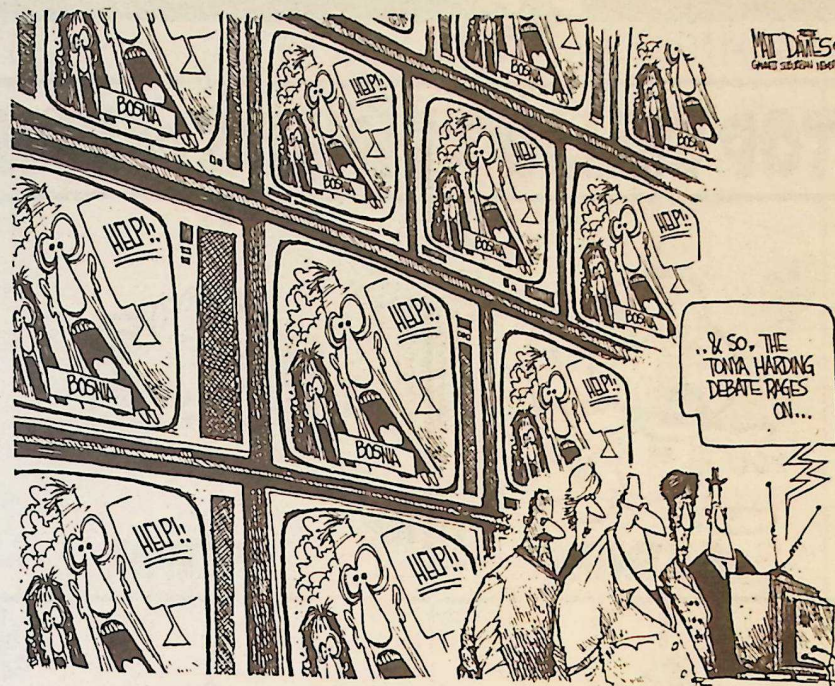
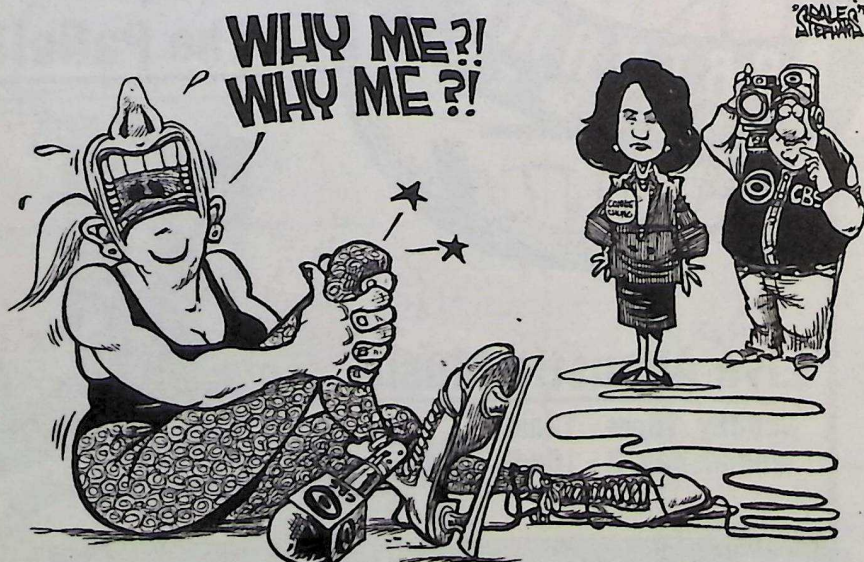
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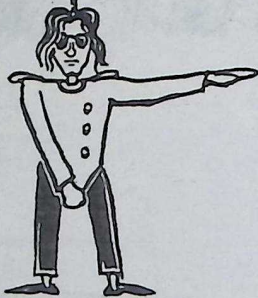
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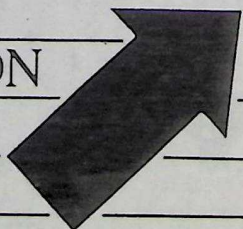
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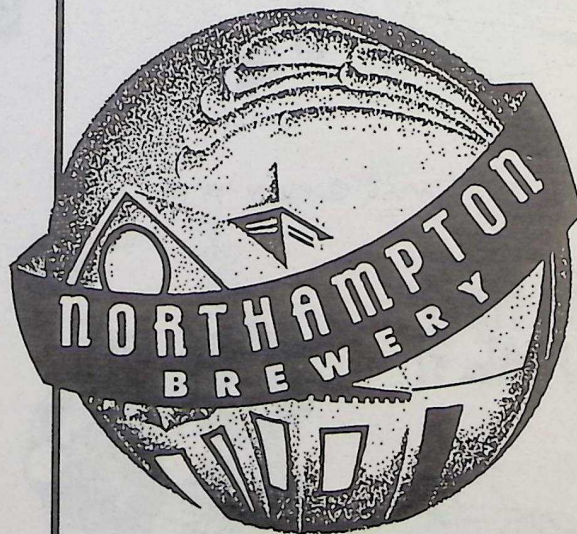
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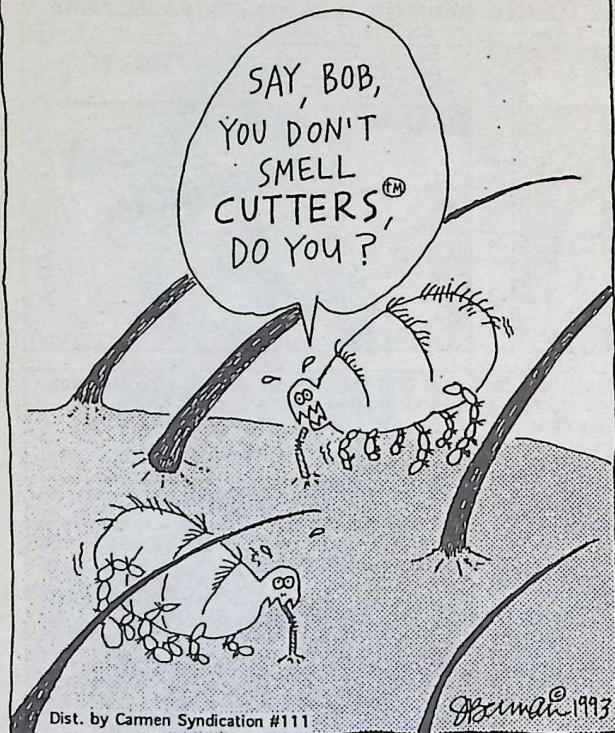
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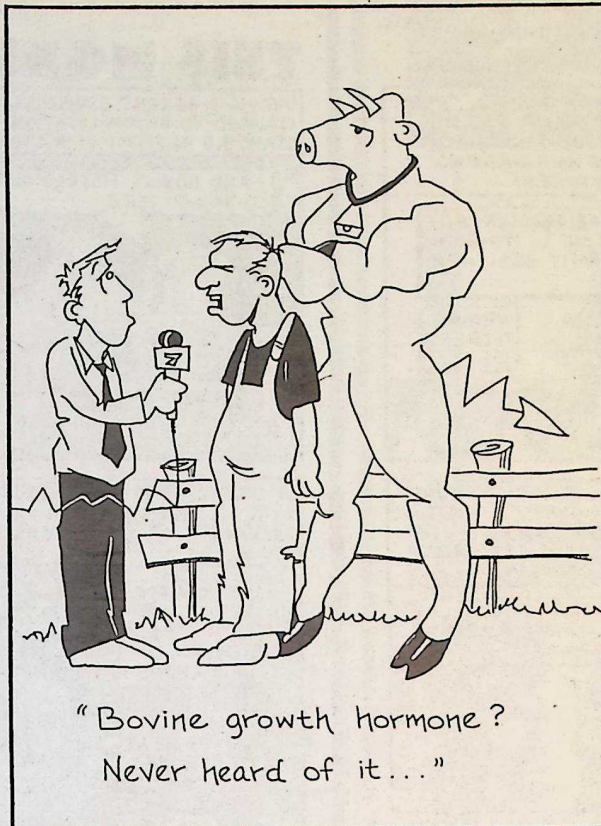


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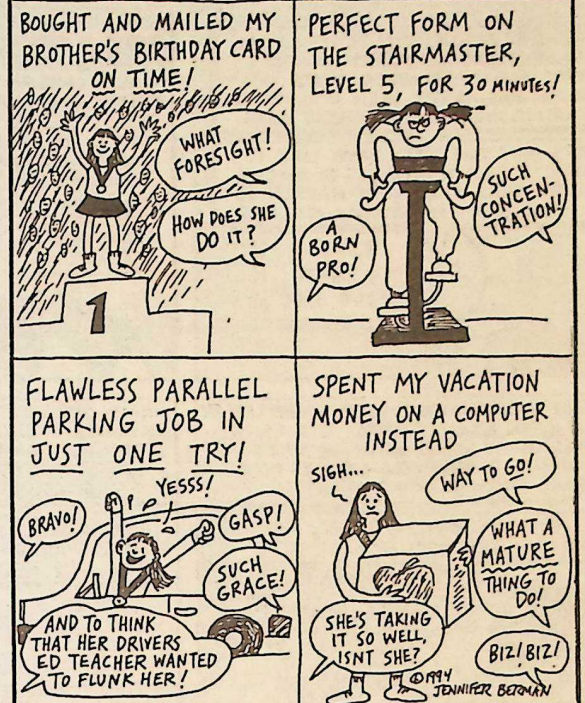
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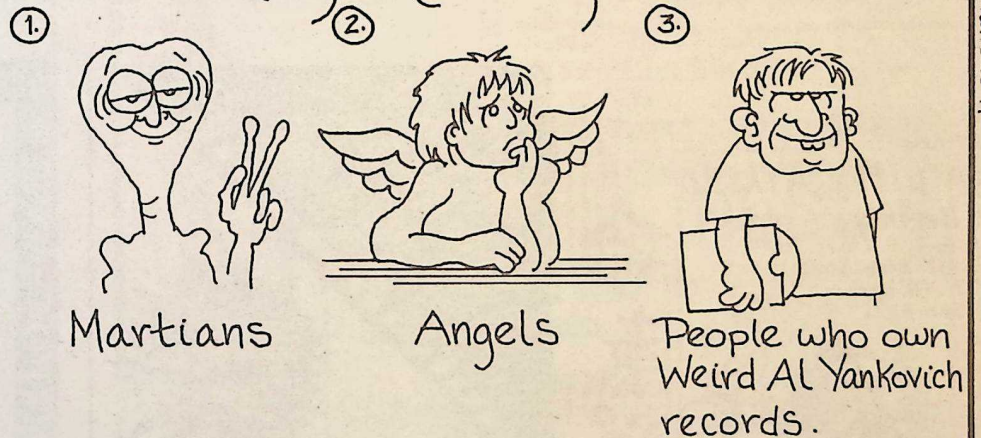
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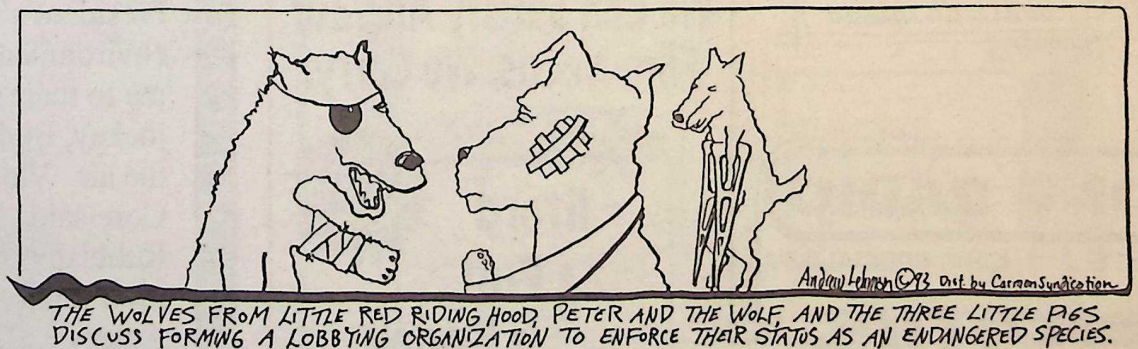
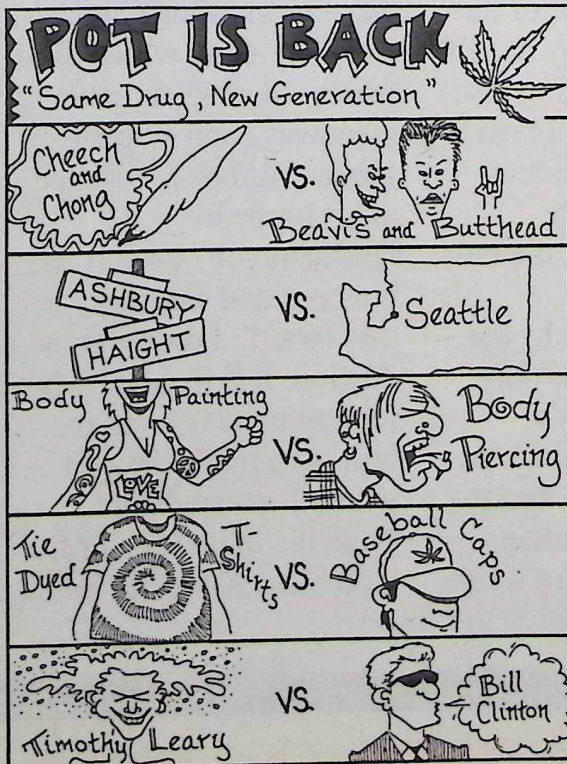


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THIS MODERN WORLD

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WORD UP, HOMIES! THE PROBLEM WITH 'MANAGED COMPETITION' IS ITS RELIANCE ON THE FOR-PROFIT HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY!

GOT THAT RIGHT!


WHOOOMP-- THERE IT IS!



OR MAYBE A ROMANTIC COMEDY: "SLEEPLESS IN THIS MODERN WORLD!" SPARKY IS A RECENT WIDOWER WHOSE YOUNG SON--MACAULEY CUL-KIN--WANTS A NEW MOM! MOVIES DON'T GET MUCH MORE HEARTWARMING THAN THIS!

UM...MY DAD'S KIND OF SHORT...AND HE COMPLAINS ABOUT POLITICS A LOT...

TO KIND OF SWEET, AND HE SOUT PRISTINE A LOT...



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POW!

BAM!

BANG! BANG!

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DURING A RECENT NEWSCAST, COKIE ROBERTS CLAIMED TO BE ON LOCATION--WHILE ACTUALLY STANDING IN FRONT OF A STUDIO BACKDROP.

--AND BOY IS IT COLD OUT HERE! BACK TO YOU, PETER!



NEW YORK NEWSDAY RECENTLY PUBLISHED A COMPUTER-GENERATED FRONT-PAGE PHOTO OF AN EVENT WHICH HAD NOT YET OCCURRED.

HEY, THIS IS GREAT! I CAN READ THE NEWS BEFORE IT HAPPENS!

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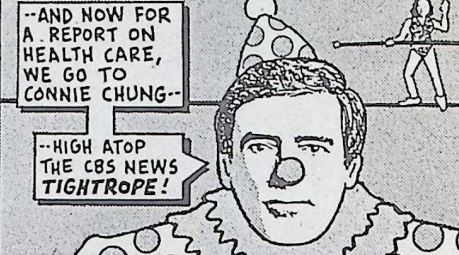
Tonya, Nancy To Meet At Practice



OF COURSE, NEWS PROFESSIONALS WOULD ARGUE THAT THE NEWS MUST BE PRESENTED ENTERTAININGLY OR NO ONE WILL PAY ATTENTION.

--AND NOW FOR A REPORT ON HEALTH CARE, WE GO TO CONNIE CHUNG--

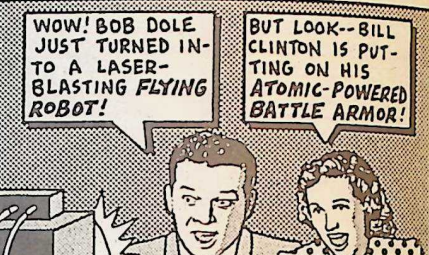
--HIGH ATOP THE CBS NEWS TIGHTROPE!




WITH THAT PHILOSOPHY GAINING DOMINANCE--AND WITH COMPUTER GRAPHICS GROWING EVER MORE SOPHISTICATED--PERHAPS THE EVENING NEWS WILL SOON BECOME REALLY ENTERTAINING...

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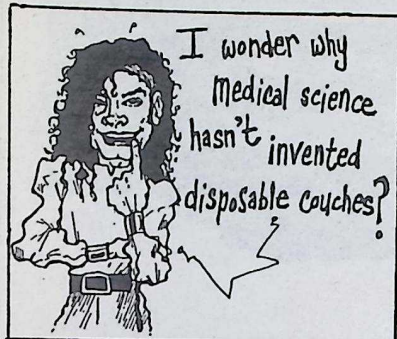
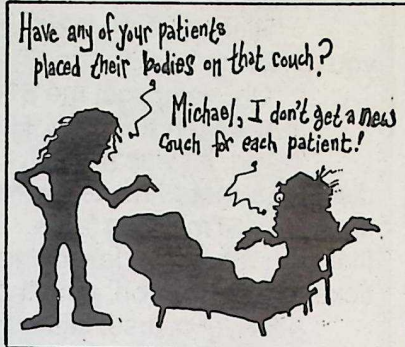
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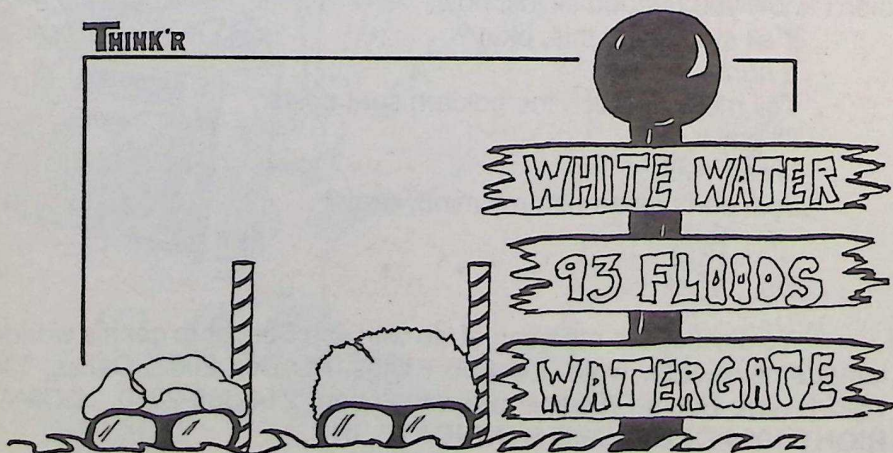
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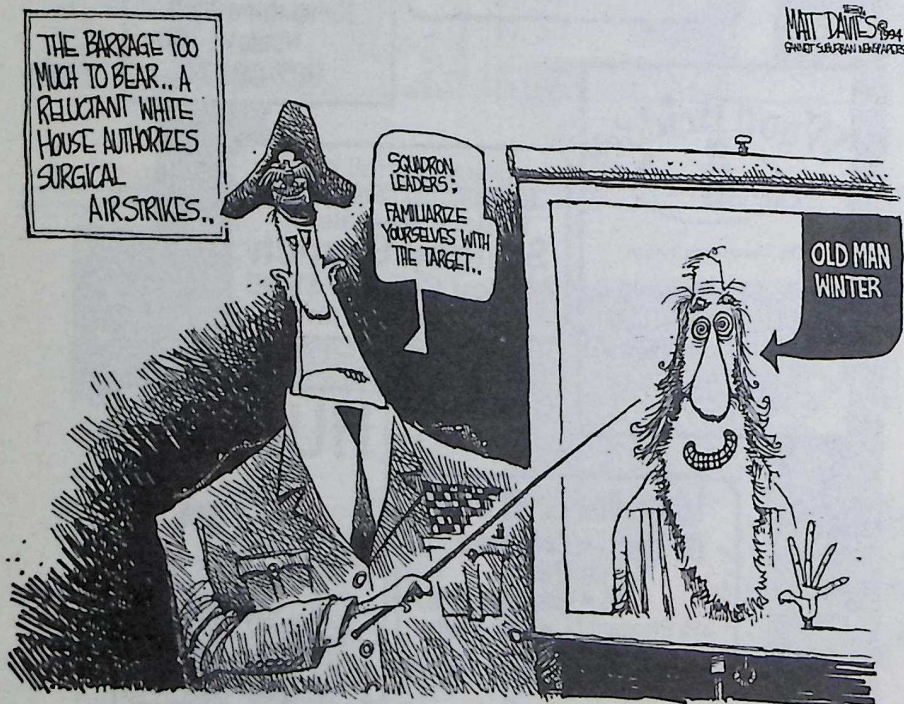
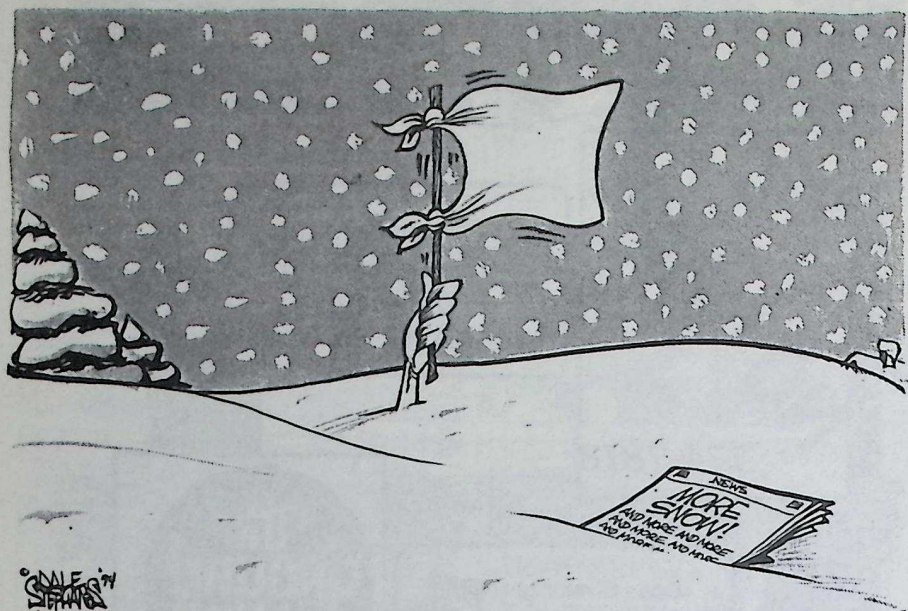
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JOE BOB BRIGGS

You ever been sitting on the airplane and make the mistake of asking the person next to you how much he paid for his seat? It's depressing, isn't it? Or at least it's always depressing for me, when he says, "Oh, I got one of those super-discount 14-day frequent-flier free-upgrade double-reverse layover coupons."

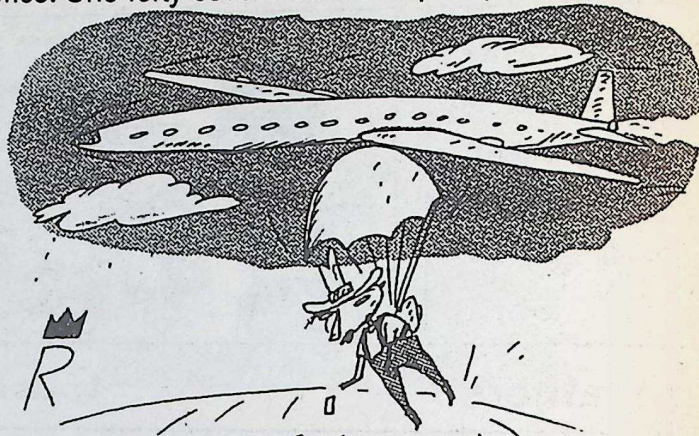
"Right," I say, like I understand what he's talking about. "So you're like on here for free?"

"Oh, no, it cost me \$147 to fly Miami to Seattle."

And then he says, "How about you?"

And, if I was honest, I would tell him, "I'm on one of those non-discount forgot-to-make-my-reservation had-to-go-on-short-notice don't-know-what-I'm-doing fares. So even though we're sitting on the same flight, on the same day, going to the same place, at the same time, my ticket cost about, oh, nine thousand dollars."

But, of course, this is *not* what I say. I always say, "Yeah, me too. Same price. One-forty-seven. Mine's a triple-upside-down Whangdoodle Fare."



Because I always feel like such an *idiot* when I find out I don't know how to do this.

I have a question. Why don't they just publish how much it costs to fly from one place to another. *I'll pay it!* I really will. Whatever it is. And if I don't have the money to pay it, *I won't fly there.* Wouldn't this be easier?

Now, every time I get ready to go somewhere, I feel like I'm going shopping in Juarez. The crystal-burro bookends are \$75 if you buy 'em from the guy right there by the Santa Fe Street Bridge, but if you walk three blocks down Avenida Juarez, they're \$25. And they're \$10 if you *argue* a lot.

That's okay for crystal-burro bookends, but when it comes to getting on an airplane, I'd rather not hassle with it. I only wanna ask two questions: How much does it cost? And how much money do I have?

All of this advance-14-day, stay-over-Saturday-night, wear-a-blue-hat-on-Tuesday bullstuff makes me *know* that sometime during the next two weeks, *after* I get to Denver and now I wanna go back home, some big-haired long-fingernailed reservations agent is gonna look at me and say, "I'm sorry, Mr. Briggs, this ticket is no longer valid. It was a *special fare*." And then she'll explain how, for an additional nine thousand dollars, she'll upgrade to a full coach fare and give you free admittance to the Admiral's Club, where you can suck on a complimentary cocktail while you're trying to figure out how to pay for the ticket you didn't know you needed till just now.

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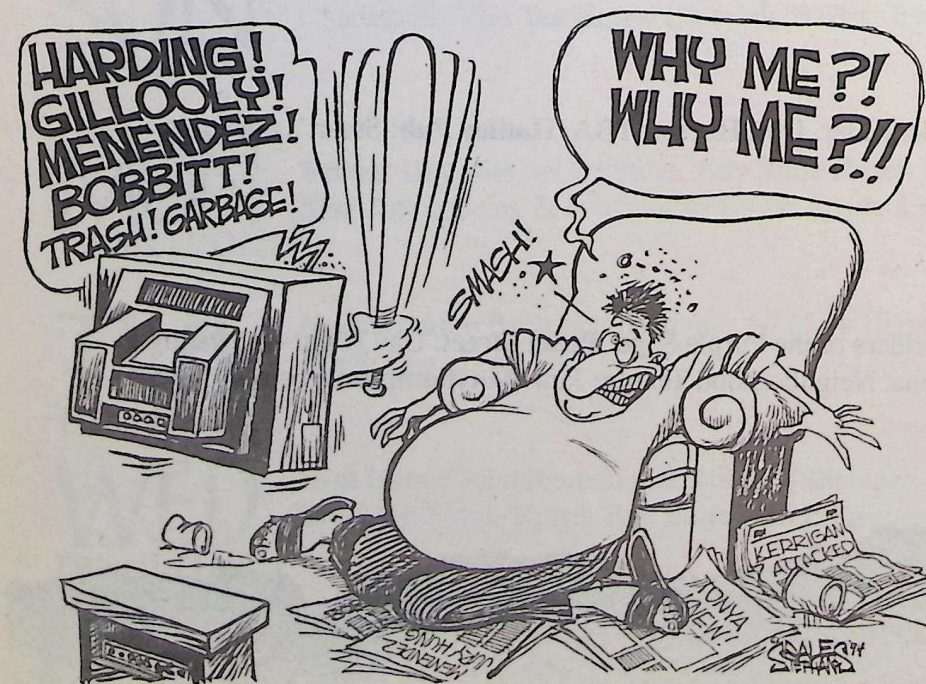
I really will.

Just don't mess with my mind, okay?

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FRI
ELEVEN

Pearl Street: Authority (free show), plus top 40 dance music w/ DJ Lance **Bay State Hotel:** Polvo, Monsterland, Dambuilders, Greenhorn **Seven O's:** Straight Shooters **Charlemont Inn:** Ruby **Delaney House:** LaValley Duo **Harvest Valley:** Jac Veronesi **Vertex:** Hip Hop Party **Green River Cafe:** Paul Cartier **Peking Garden/Humor Works:** showcase & open mic **Hadley Pub:** Big Time Band w/ Jimmy Johnson **Iron Horse:** Trout Fishing In America **Common Ground (Bratt.):** Molly-O

SAT
TWELVE

Vertex: Selectrocution **Hadley Pub:** Florida Evans Band **Charlemont Inn:** Barnstormers **Harvest Valley:** Jac Veronesi **UMass Fine Arts Center:** El Centro Su Teatro — "I Don't Speak English Only" **Iron Horse:** Vance Gilbert, Lynne Sayner **Delaney House:** LaValley Duo **Pearl Street:** Son Seals, Mark Nomad Band, plus Club HMP, w/ Spin, Inc. **Amherst College:** Morphine, Young Fetts (Campus Center Frontroom) **Seven O's:** Straight Shooters **The Tea House (formerly Basha's):** jazz trombonist Brian Bender & Trio **Bay State Hotel:** Prisonshake, Kudgel, Envelope, Quivver **Green River Cafe:** Cormac McCarthy

SUN
THIRTEEN

Green River Cafe: Wild Women Writers **Iron Horse:** Greg Brown **Northampton Brewery:** Miss Reed, Steve Westfield and the Slow Band **Bay State Hotel:** An evening with The Paul Collins Band **Seven O's:** open mic **Vertex:** Doom Nation **Smith College (Sage Hall):** Ani Defranco **Northampton Center for the Arts:** auction preview, reception, group show (over 50 contributors) — 3-5 PM

MON
FOURTEEN

Bay State Hotel: Blue Monday, w/ Ed Vadas & The Fabulous Heavyweights **Vertex:** Gay Nite w/ DJ Steve **Iron Horse:** Amy Fairchild Band, The Scud Mountain Boys **North Star:** line dancing & two-step w/ DJ Dr. Spark

TUE
FIFTEEN

Northampton Brewery: open mic, w/ Mark Herschler **Iron Horse:** TBA **Hadley Pub:** Stuart's open mic

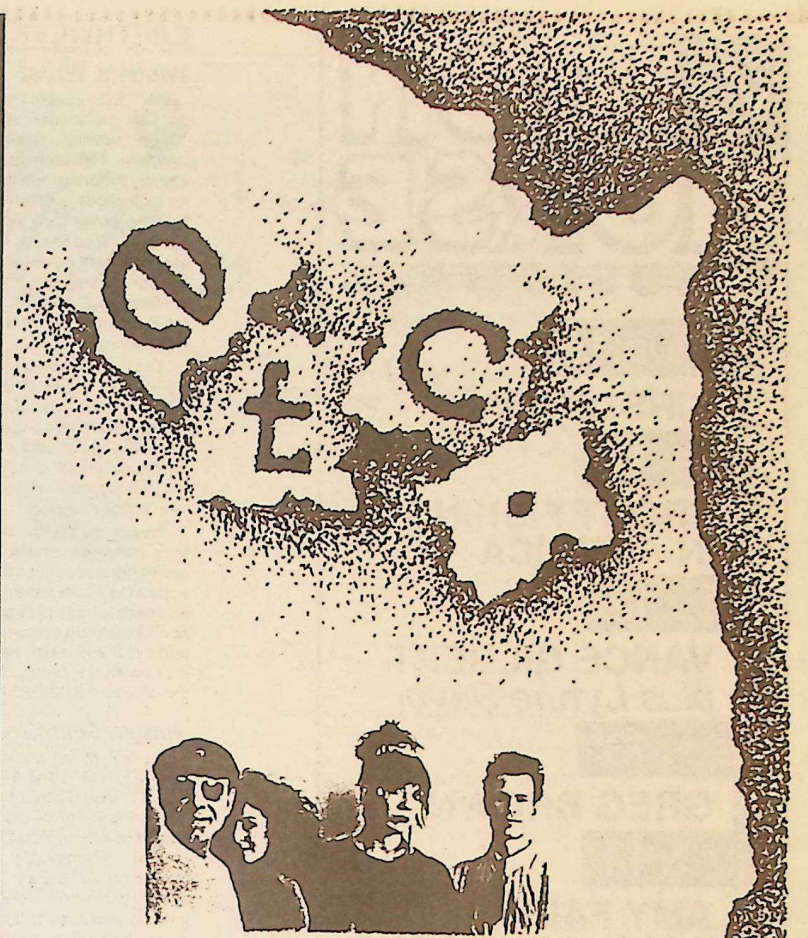
WED
SIXTEEN

Hadley Pub: Reggae night **Iron Horse:** New riders of the Purple Sage **Pearl Street:** Gay Night — dancing to music by Spin, Inc. **Bay State Hotel:** Soup, Vena, Neighborhood Texture Jam **Northampton Brewery:** Ben Demerath



Arthur Lee of Love -- at the Bay State

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THU SEVENTEEN

Seven O's: DJ Dance Club **Bay State Hotel:** St. Patrick's Day Special **Hadley Pub:** new country music w/ DJ Mike Perkins **Pearl Street:** Jawbox, plus 18+ hip-hop dancing to music by Spin, Inc. **Vertex:** Selectrocution **Green River Cafe:** St. Patrick's event, w/ Irish music & Irish food **Iron Horse:** The Big Bad Bollocks

FRI EIGHTEEN

Bay State Hotel: Borderland, w/ special guest stars **Pearl Street:** Cottonwood, plus Top 40 w/ DJ Lance **Common Ground (Bratt.):** Ominous Seapods **Seven O's:** Debbie Wyle, Way Out West **Iron Horse:** Christian McBride **Delaney's:** Lavalley Duo **Green River Cafe:** Soup **Hadley Pub:** Big Time Band w/ Jimmy Johnson **Peking Garden/Humor Works:** showcase & open mic **Harvest Valley Restaurant:** Jac Veronesi **Vertex:** John Valby

SAT NINETEEN

Green River Cafe: Lisa McCormick **Hadley Pub:** Florida Evans Band **Bay State Hotel:** Hotel Massachusetts — Ray Mason Band, Miss Reed, The Veronica Cartwrights **Harvest Valley Restaurant:** Kirby Farrell **Seven O's:** Debbie Wyle, Way Out West **Delaney's:** Lavalley Duo **Iron Horse:** Paul Geremia **Pearl Street:** Club HMP, w/ music by Spin, Inc. **Charlemont Inn:** John Sheldon & Blue Streak

SUN TWENTY

Northampton Brewery: Ockham's Razor **Seven O's:** open mic **Iron Horse:** John Gorka **Green River Cafe:** Chanterelle **The Tea House (formerly Basha's):** jazz trombonist Brian Bender & Trio

MON TWENTYONE

Vertex: Gay Nite, w/ DJ Steve **Bay State Hotel:** Blue Monday, w/ Ed Vadas & The Fabulous Heavyweights **North Star:** line dancing & two-step w/ DJ Dr. Spark **Iron Horse:** Dirty Dozen Brass Band

TUE TWENTYTWO

Northampton Brewery: open mic, w/ Mark Herschler **Iron Horse:** Radio Kings **Hadley Pub:** Stuart's open-mic **North Star:** Zen Cats

WED TWENTYTHREE

Iron Horse: John Renbourn & Robin Williamson **Pearl Street:** Gay Night w/ music by Spin, Inc. **Northampton Brewery:** Maple Ridge **Bay State Hotel:** Tibetan Bowlers, Architectural Metaphor **Hadley Pub:** Reggae night

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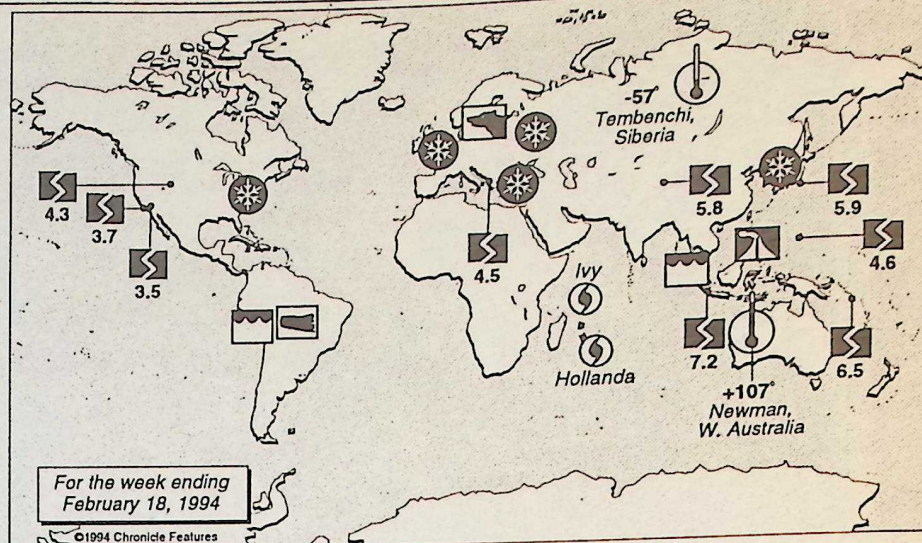
Waves of bitter cold and icy conditions spread over several regions of the Northern Hemisphere that were already suffering from the worst winter in decades. Yet another dose of ice and snow blew deep into the eastern United States, leaving thousands without power and other utilities for several days from Kentucky to Mississippi, and virtually shutting down many metropolitan areas of the Northeast.

The most deadly blizzards to lash Korea and Japan in 25 years left both countries at a standstill as rail, air, and road traffic became snarled. At least eight deaths were blamed on the inclement conditions during the closing days of the lunar new year holiday season.

Heavy snowfalls and freezing temperatures in Britain caused road accidents and chaos for commuters across the south of the country. Several people froze to death in the arctic chill covering eastern Europe and parts of the Russian Republic. Farther south, in Turkey, heavy snow cut off about 3,300 villages.

Jungle Search

A group of scientists and Indians will embark on an expedition through the darkest corners of the Amazon in May in search of Brazil's equivalent of the Abominable Snowman. According to Indian legend, the Mapiquari is a giant one-eyed creature covered in red hair, with a mouth in its belly that devours human heads. David Oren, an American zoologist, thinks the Mapiquari is actually a ground sloth, an animal believed to have become extinct 8,500 years ago. "There is just too much evidence that I have accumulated over the past nine years indicating there may indeed be a very large mammal out there unknown to man," said Oren, who has lived in the Amazon for 17 years.



Earthquakes

Landslides hampered relief efforts around the mountainous town of Liwa, Indonesia, where a powerful tremor killed scores of people and injured 1,000. Damage to the city was almost total. Houses made of brick or wood caved in while most people were sleeping, leaving crumpled roofs covering piles of rubble.

Swarms of tremors continued along the Idaho-Wyoming border and in the Southern California aftershock zone. Movements also were felt in China's Qinghai Province, Japan's main Kyushu Island, Montenegro, Guam, Vanuatu, and the Southern California desert.

Tropical Storms

Cyclone Hollandia killed two people and seriously damaged the vital sugar crop when it swept across the island of Mauritius. The storm also brought high winds and torrential rains to

nearby Reunion. Tropical cyclone Ivy formed in the same warm waters of the northeastern Indian Ocean as Hollandia.

Volcano Warning

More than 60 tremors beneath Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines prompted volcanologists to warn that the volcano might be headed for a new eruption. Government scientists believe that the increase in activity is caused by magma pushing upward. They declared a six-mile radius around the mountain off-limits to villagers.

Flooding

Four people are missing and feared drowned in floods and landslides across Northern Sumatra. The victims may have been swept to their deaths by the overflowing Binagajulu River. In Peru, continuing heavy rains caused at least 63 deaths and left 12,000 people homeless.

Howling Defense

A Swedish plantation owner is using a British Broadcasting Corp. recording of a howling wolf to keep hungry deer and elk off his saplings this winter. Hakan Hjelmqvist told reporters from the *Goteborgs Posten* newspaper that if he had not used the BBC sound-effects recording, his plantation near the southwest town of Hyltebruk would have been completely ruined. A light sensor sets the wolf sounds off at dawn and dusk, the roe deer's favorite grazing times. "No deer dare come in here now," Hjelmqvist boasted. There are estimated to be fewer than 20 wolves in Sweden, mostly in remote and heavily forested northern parts of the country.

Additional Sources: Japan Meteorological Agency, British Meteorological Office, Meteo Mauritius, Philippines Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center, and the World Meteorological Organization.

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Earthquake Fever

As aftershocks continued to rumble beneath the Los Angeles Basin, scientists discovered that the disastrous January 17 temblor is responsible for an outbreak of a flu-like illness called Valley Fever. Tons of dust in the mountainous areas west of the city were scattered into the atmosphere, carrying spores of the fungus into their victims' lungs. At least 35 people in the San Fernando Valley suffered fever, respiratory ailments, sore muscles and fatigue.

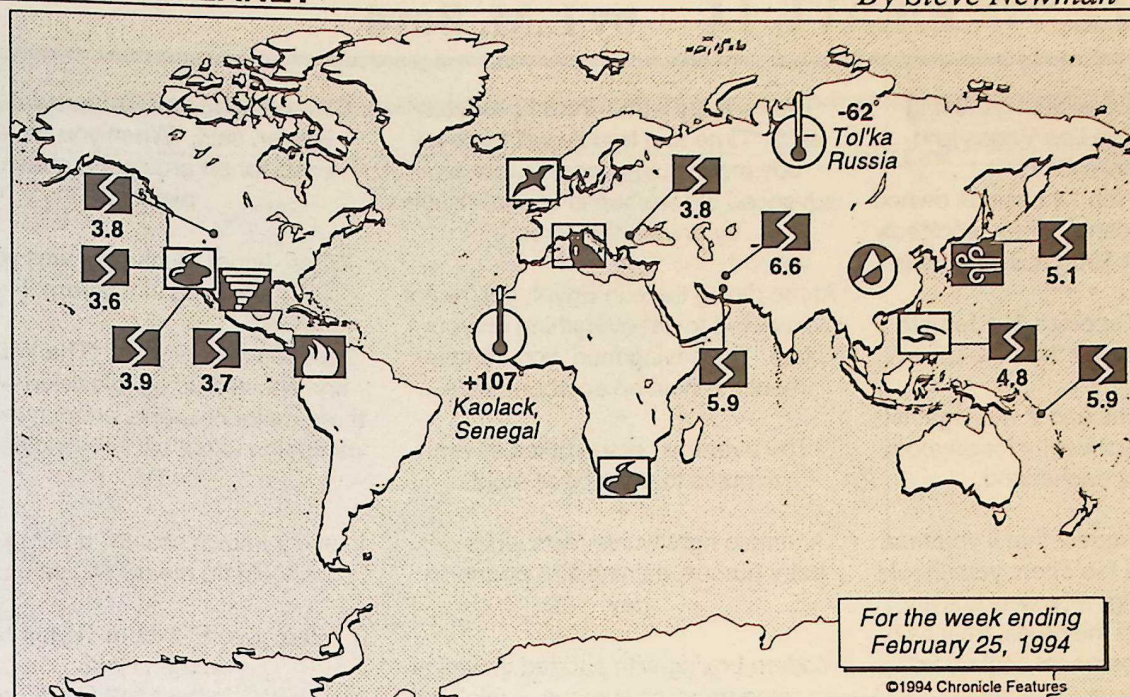
A series of powerful earthquakes killed at least six people and destroyed 300 houses in northeastern Iran. Earth movements also were felt in southern Iran, southeastern Romania, the central Philippines, Costa Rica, Japan's Hokkaido Island, Vanuatu, Baja California and eastern Idaho.

Atlantic Tragedy

The gaunt carcasses of as many as 50,000 sea birds, possibly starved to death while battling gales, have washed ashore around Britain. Most of the dead birds are common guillemots, a medium-sized diving bird with a pointed and narrow beak. "They're all thin, there's no fat on them," said Martin Heubeck, an Aberdeen University ornithologist based in the Shetland Islands, the worst-affected area. Heubeck speculated that the sea birds may have been exhausted by persistent strong southeasterly winds that have blown during the past few weeks.

Wild Winds

Blizzards and strong winds killed at least one person and injured seven others as tempests lashed northern Japan. A motorist was killed in a 20-car pileup during a blinding snowstorm on a highway in Nagano. In Iwate, strong winds derailed a train, injuring seven passengers.



Mud Slides

Ten people were killed in South Africa after a wall of sludge engulfed homes when heavy rain burst a gold mine storage dam in the town of Virginia.

Rivers of mud poured down coastal canyons of Southern California denuded by last autumn's wildfires. A handful of Malibu residents briefly were trapped inside their homes.

Winter Twisters

Powerful tornadoes tore through a wide area of southeastern Texas, destroying an airport hangar and several homes in Bee County.

Drought

Many winter crops in north and northwest China have been destroyed by an extended drought which is also threatening to wipe out spring harvests of grain and cotton.

Snake Invasion

Battered by a violent volcanic eruption in 1991 and plagued recently by typhoons and locusts, Philippine residents living near the rumbling Mount Pinatubo are facing a new menace — poisonous snakes. The deadly reptiles, including cobras, have been lured to the area by an infestation of locusts that have destroyed rice, vegetable and banana crops. Farmers have been reluctant to catch the locusts in nets, or to spray for them, out of fear of being bitten by the snakes.

Wildfires

A forest fire devastated one of Panama's most important wildlife reserves and threatened to spread into nearby communities. The blaze broke out on the slopes of Baru Volcano, in the western highlands, and has destroyed nearly 500 acres of woodland harboring numerous rare

species, including the resplendent quetzal bird.

Feline Odyssey

A wayward cat made headlines throughout Italy for finding its way home over 125 miles of mountainous terrain during a 20-month ordeal. Little 3-year-old Briciola (Crumbs) showed up at its owners home in Savone, emaciated, with bloodied legs and missing all its claws. The owners, Pinuccia and Pierluigi Vigliano, said the animal had jumped aboard a moving van bound for the city of Cuneo during the summer of 1992. The odyssey came to a tragic end however when, after a vet's examination, the prodigal feline dropped dead of exhaustion.

Additional Sources: Japan Meteorological Agency, British Meteorological Office, Australian Bureau of Meteorology, Meteo France, U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.



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Q. Where's the largest gambling center between Las Vegas and Atlantic City?

A. Minnesota. With 14 casinos owned by Native Americans. They reportedly generate about \$900 million a year.

In all mammal species, the female usually lives longer than the male.

A few generations ago it was against the law in Massachusetts for anybody to own a dachshund.

Psychologists suggest that if you tend to get depressed too often, you should take up dancing. Physical activity usually wards off the blues, they say. As does close personal contact with another human being.

Lawmakers in Wichita, Kans., once saw fit to prohibit the showing of movies containing prizefight scenes.

The Caspian Sea is rising five inches a year.

Q. How many categories of aircraft are there?

A. The FAA says there are four — lighter-than-air, glider, rotorcraft, and airplane.

The mystery writer Dorothy Sayers said, "Time and trouble will tame an advanced young woman, but an advanced old woman is uncontrollable by any earthly force."

At the dining table in Egypt, you're not expected to eat everything on your plate. By leaving food, you complement the host on an abundance.

The average person takes seven minutes to doze off at night.

A female right whale fasts while her baby nurses, gaining 125 pounds a day.

Modern boxing with padded gloves is a more dangerous game — higher percentage of ring deaths — than old-fashioned bare-knuckle boxing. Back then, fighters aimed for the jaw, but not for the hand-breaking skull bones, site of fatal cerebral hemorrhages.

Q. In what age groups are the most dangerous and the least dangerous drivers?

A. Those from 20 through 24 have the highest accident rates. From 50 through 54, the lowest.

Cicero, the famed Roman writer and lawyer, said, "When you have no basis for an argument, abuse the plaintiff."

When James Buchanan was young, he lived in a tavern.

Decades ago — when "The Waltons" first showed up on television — the three major networks announced their campaign to cut back the violence on TV.

In every known society, a shrug of the shoulders means "I give up."

Q. Who gave Elizabeth Taylor her first screen kiss?

A. It was in the 1943 film "Lassie Come Home" that Taylor was first kissed on-screen. By Lassie.

Norway's murder rate is reported to be the lowest in the world.

The first miniature golf course was laid out on the private estate of James Barber in Pinehurst, N.C. in 1916.

Formal table-setting etiquette in France calls for the tines of the fork and the tip of the spoon to point down.

Donald Duck's middle name is Fauntleroy.

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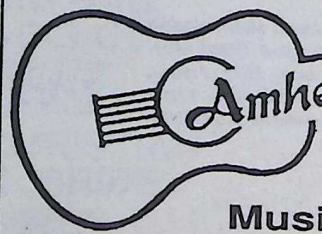
The smallest of the flying dinosaurs was about the size of a robin.

Q. When did "As The World Turns" first hit the airwaves?

A. 1956, the same year everybody first heard "Que Sera Sera," "I Walk The Line," "See You Later, Alligator," and "Around The World In 80 Days."

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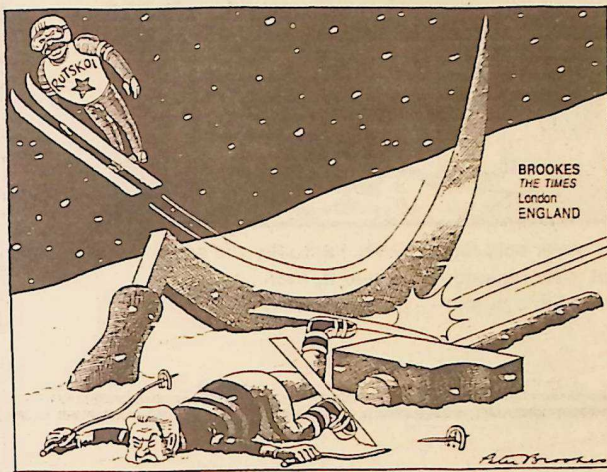
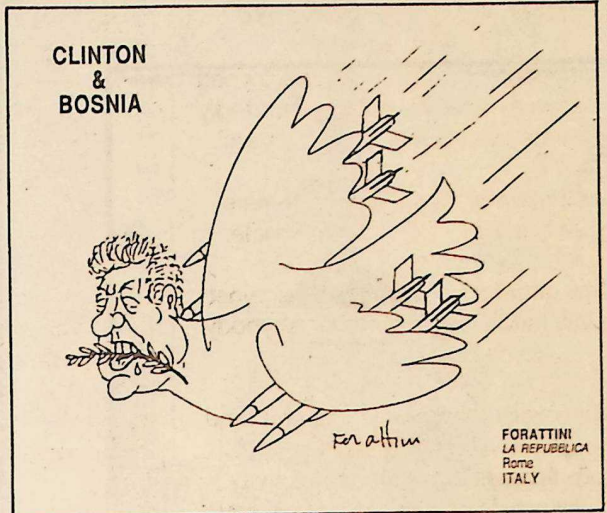
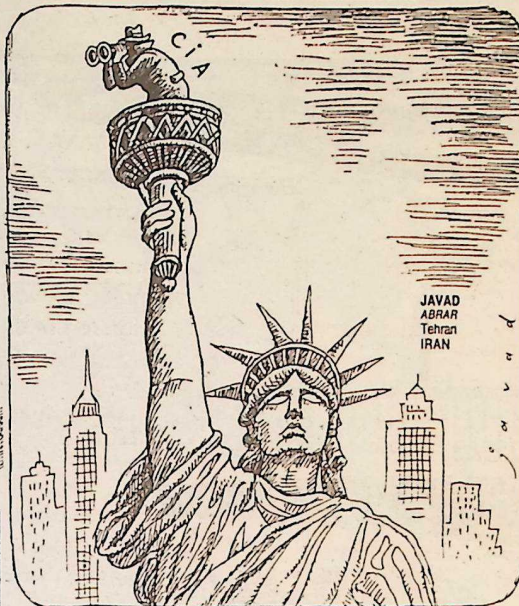
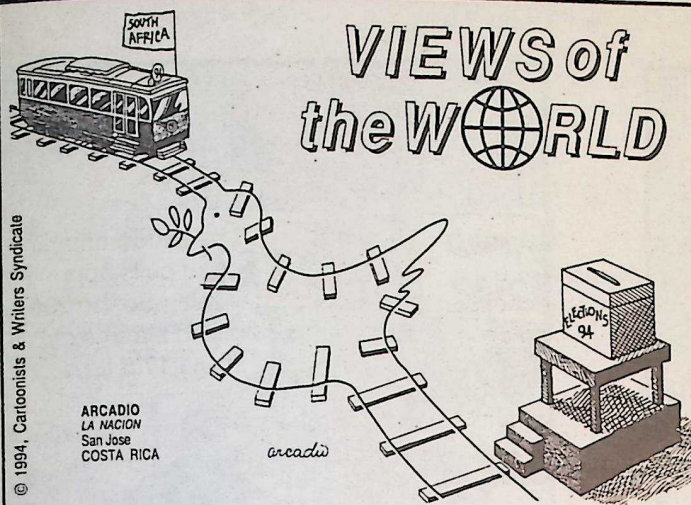


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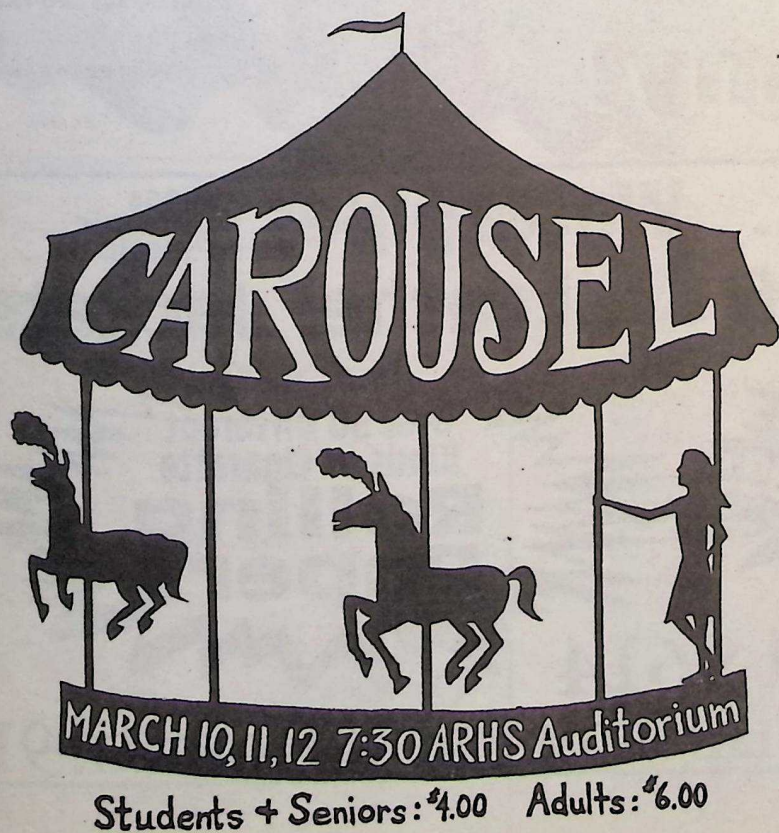
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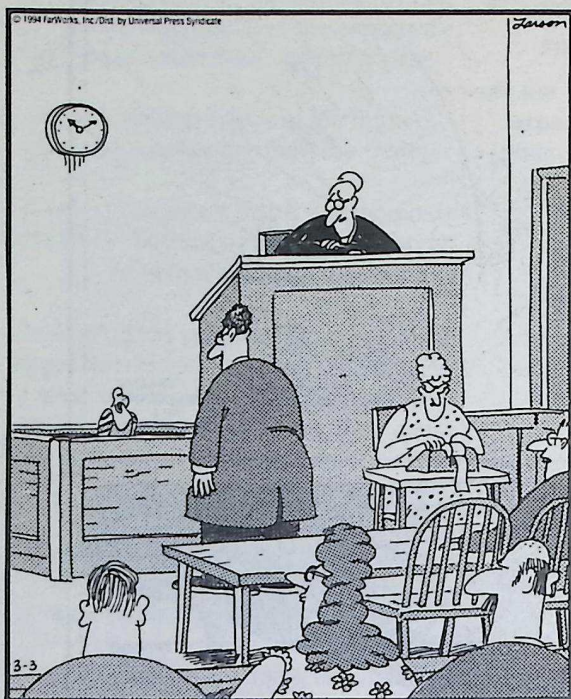
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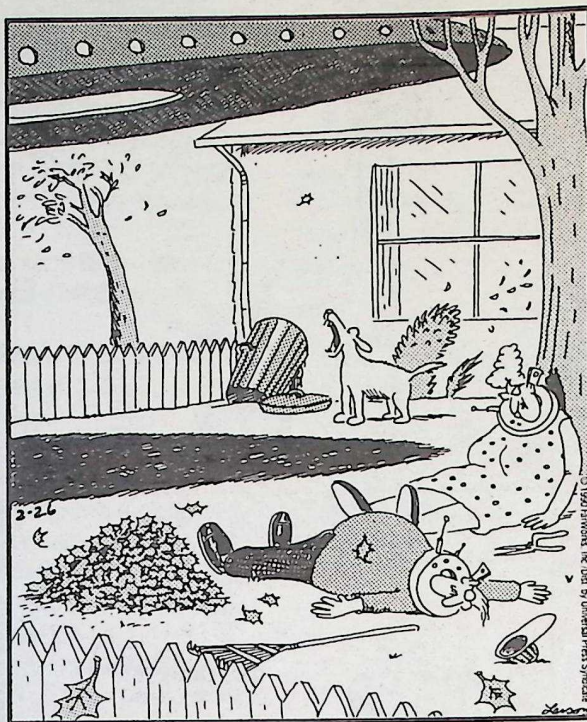
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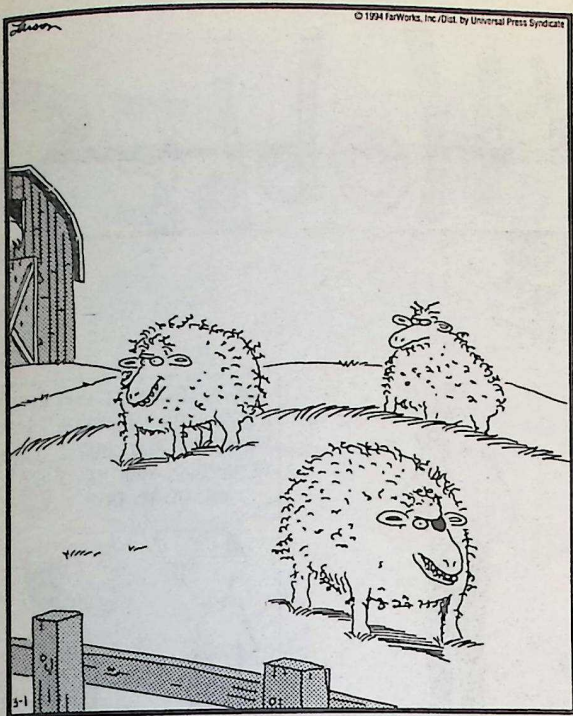
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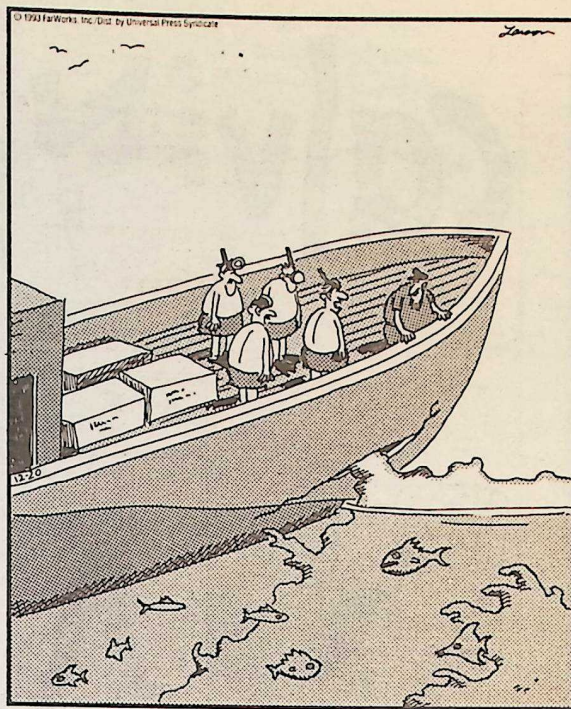
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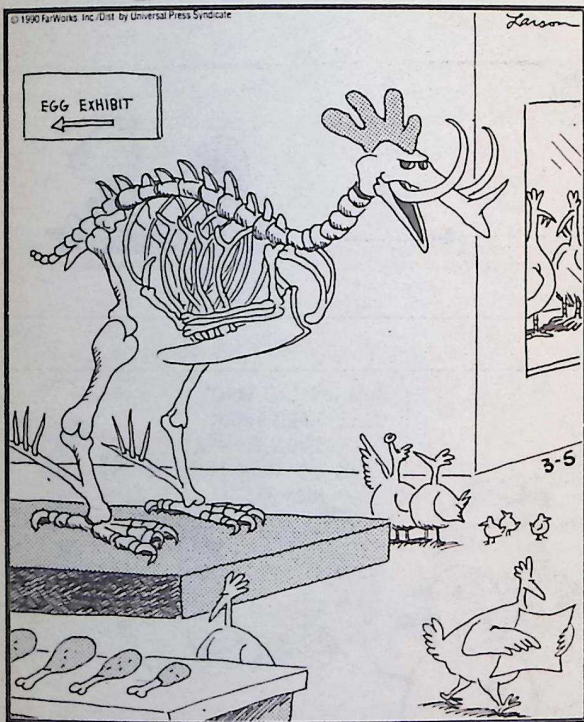
It's a known fact that the sheep that give us steel wool have no natural enemies.



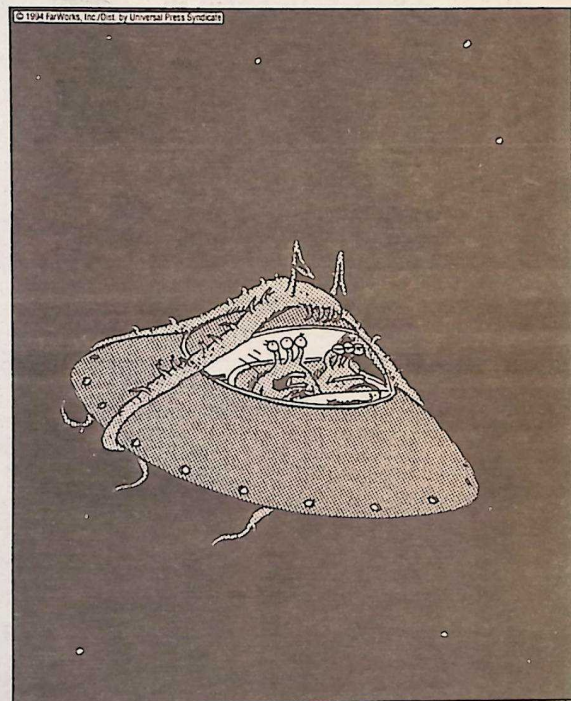
"Excuse me, Captain, but while we're waiting, would you like to join the crew and myself for a little snorkeling?"



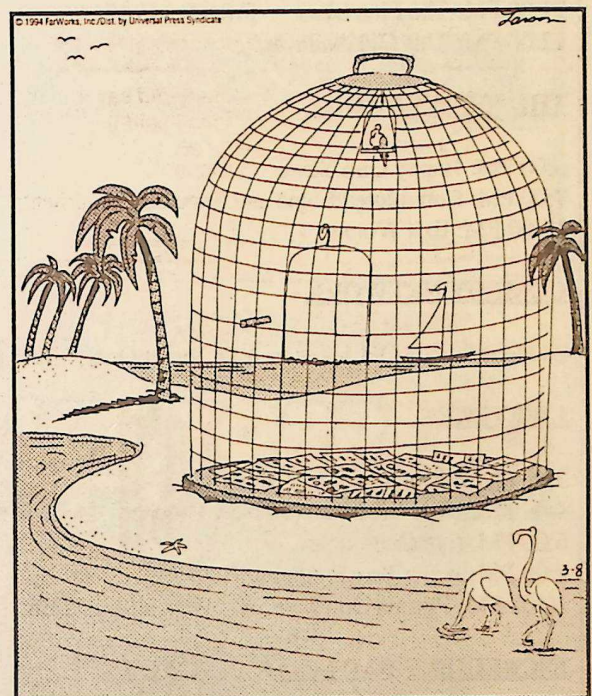
"The dentist just buzzed me, Mrs. Lewellyn — he's ready to see Bobby now."



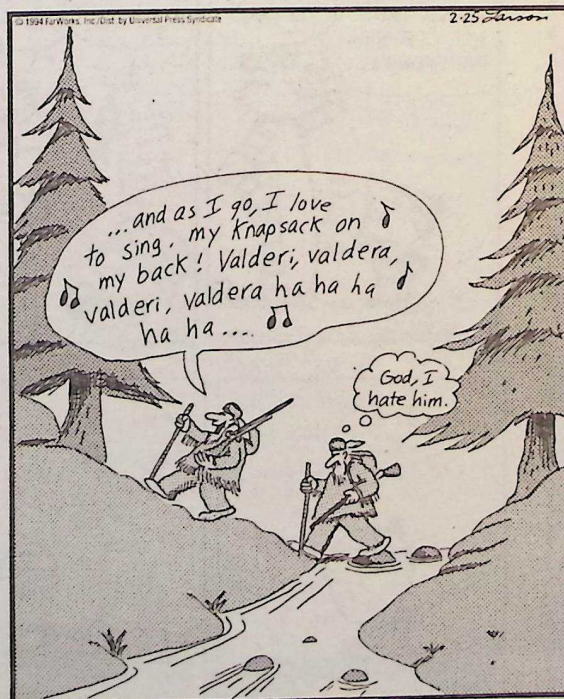
In the Chicken Museum



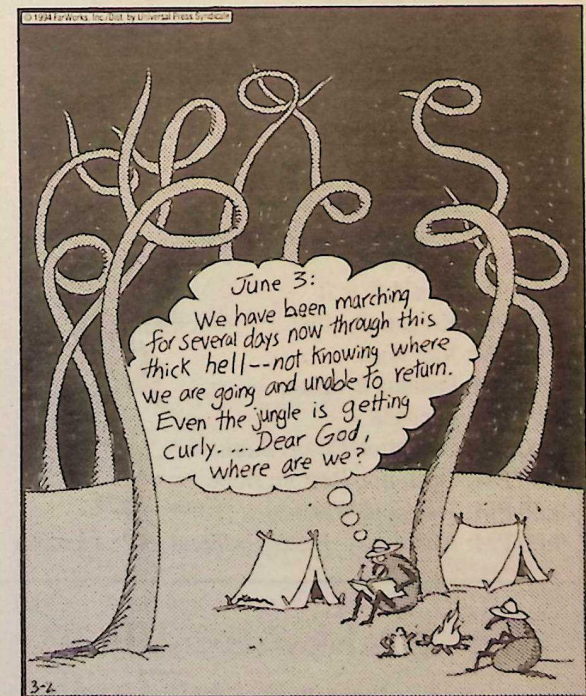
"Aaaaaaaaaa! ... Oh, sorry — it's just the dog."



Winning the lottery had changed his life, but at times Chico still felt strangely unfulfilled.



More tension on the Lewis and Clark expedition.



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THIS WEEK'S CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

by Leo (TV) Baldwin

THE DOG CHANNEL

8:00 AM: New Age Hour: Getting in touch with your inner puppy.
NOON: Panel Discussion: Old Yeller — is this the kind of glory we want?
6:00 PM: Local Dog News
7:00 PM: World and International Dog News
8:00 PM: Interplanetary Dog News — paper-training on Pluto ... a fresh look.
9:00 PM: Panel Discussion — leg-humping and sniffing ... still politically correct?

THE FIREPLACE CHANNEL

8:00 PM: Birch Logs
9:00 PM: Chestnuts Roasting
10:00 PM: Kindling Do's and Don'ts
11:00 PM: The Flue Liner — Friend or Foe?
12:00 PM: This Old Andiron

THE NRA NETWORK

6:00 PM: Happy Gun News
7:00 PM: Convolutioned Logic and Specious Arguments
11:00 PM: Exit Wounds

COMEDY NETWORK

24 Hour "Same Old Jokes In A Different Order" Marathon

LIFETIME

3:00 PM: Birth — Is It Necessary?
4:00 PM: Death and You (16 New Crochet Patterns)
6:00 PM: Eye Operations
8:00 PM: Arbor Day Shopping Hints
10:00 PM: Plasma Up Close, The Way It Should Be

INCREDIBLY BAD MOVIE NETWORK

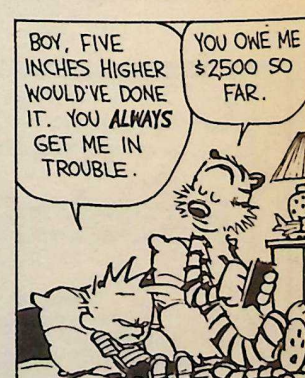
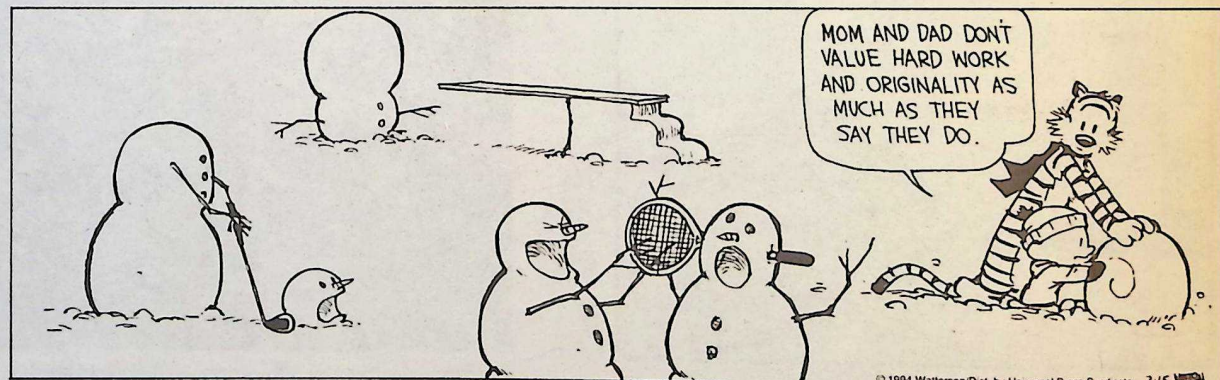
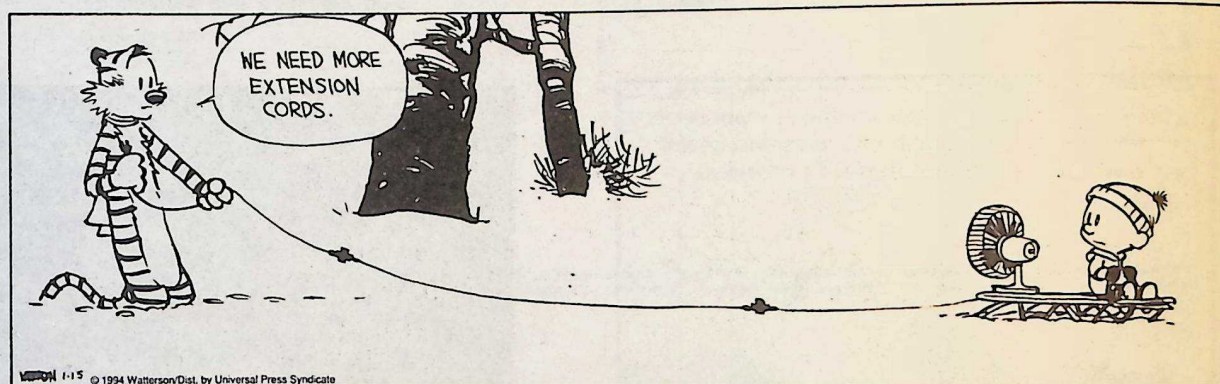
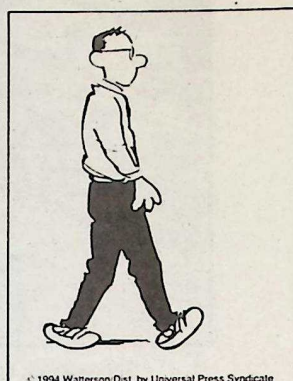
All-Day John Candy Memorial Comedy Fest

THE WAR CHANNEL

5:00 AM: French and Indian Wars
6:00 AM: The American Revolution
7:00 AM: War of 1812
8:00 AM: Mexican War
9:00 AM: Civil War
10:00 AM: Indian Wars
11:00 AM: Spanish-American War
NOON: World War I
1:00 PM: World War II
2:00 PM: Korean Conflict
3:00 PM: Viet Nam
4:00 PM: Panama Invasion
5:00 PM: Grenada
6:00 PM: Operation Desert Storm
7:00 PM: Operation Restore Hope
8:00 PM: The Cold War
9:00 PM: America — History's Greatest Peacemaker

calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATTERSON



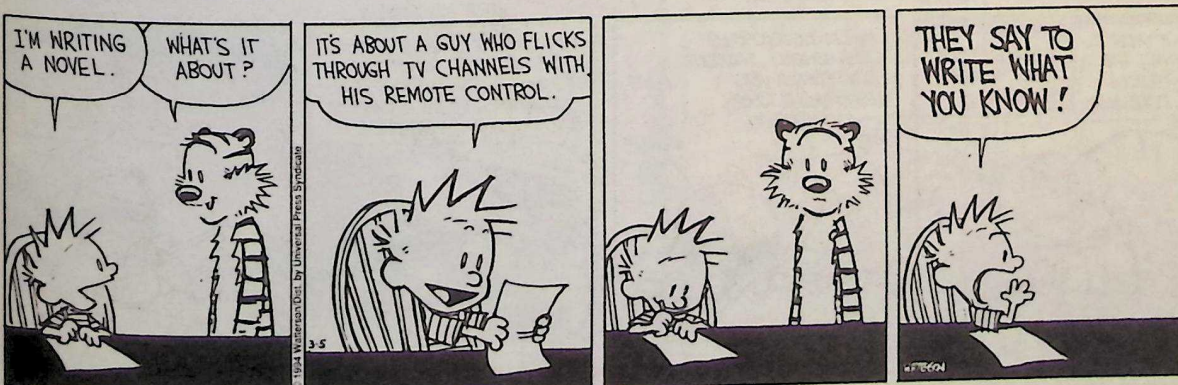
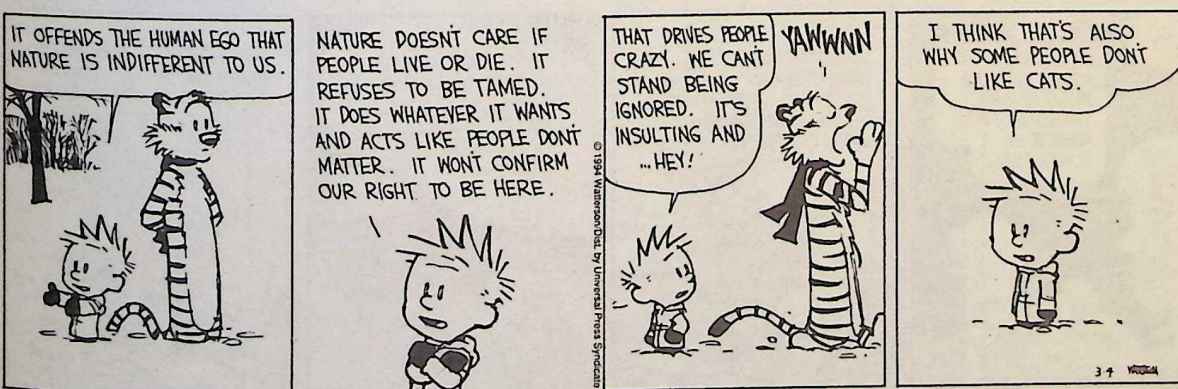
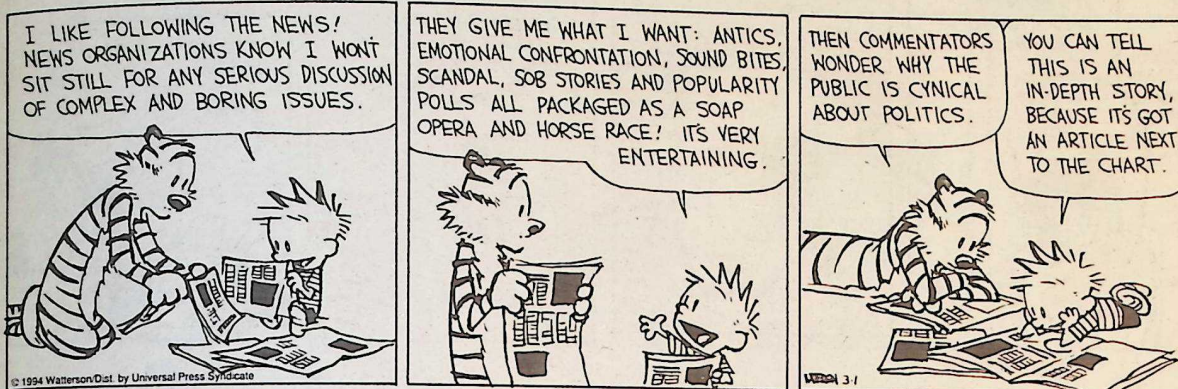
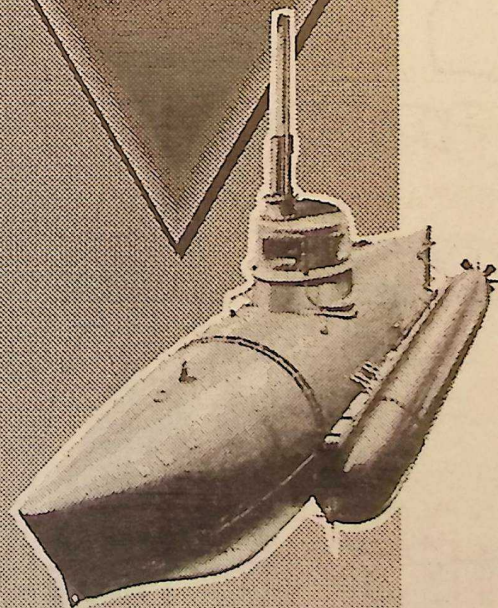


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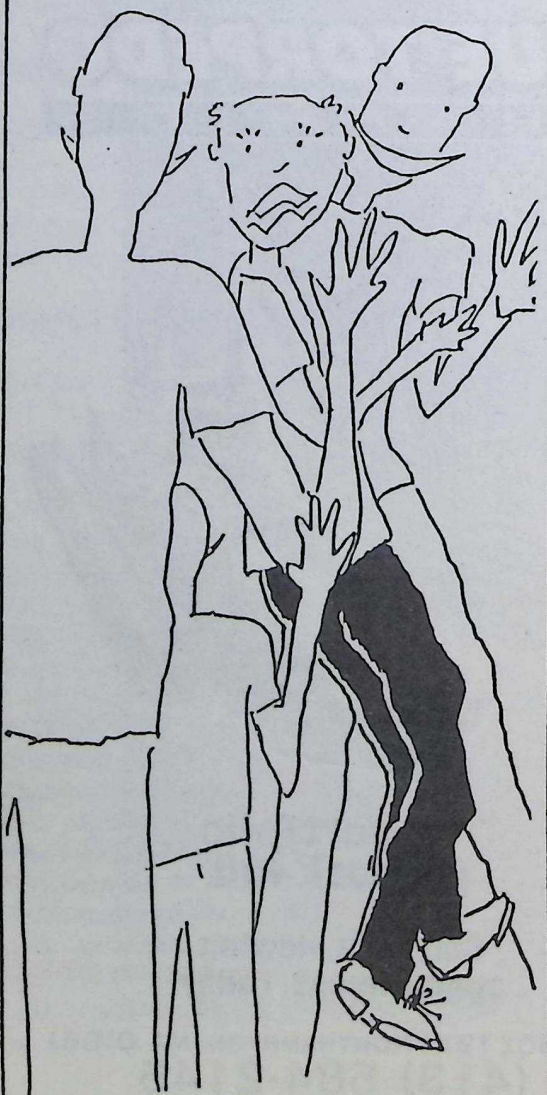
by Roger Salloom

You're not going to believe this, but sometimes for fun when I'm walking with a friend and we're getting ready to cross a busy street, I'll push him out in front of a car which is just far enough away so that he is able to avoid being hit if he runs as fast as he canto the other side.

I only do this with very good friends. We all deserve to have a good time, and sometimes there's no one else around to play with.

Actually, I do it for his own good.

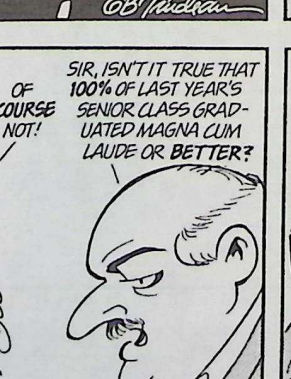
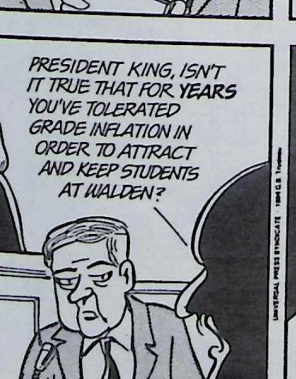
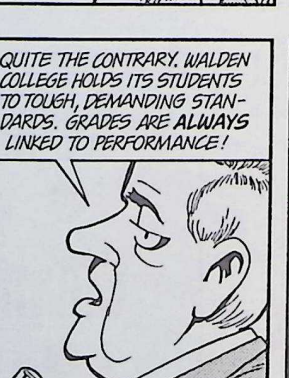
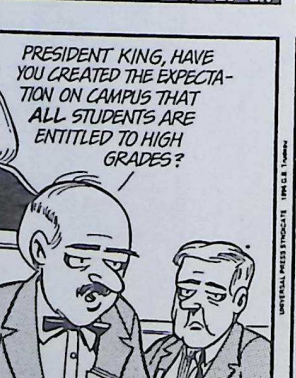
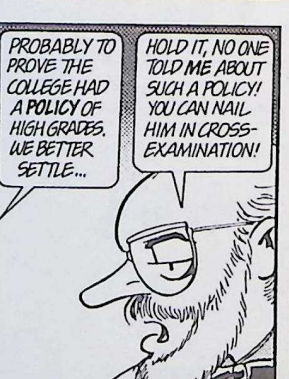
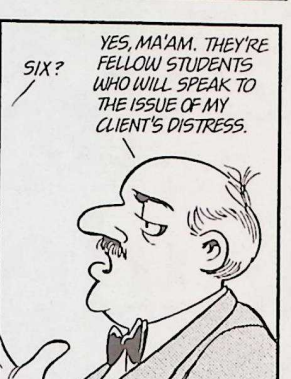
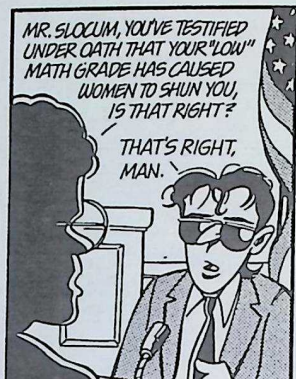
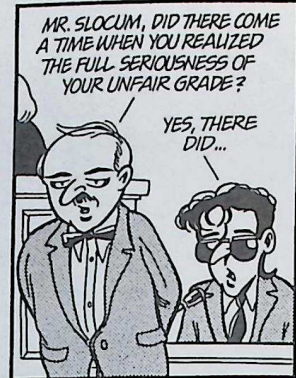
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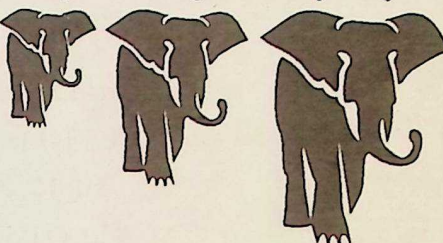
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